

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. MBHB 07-473)**

PATENT

In the Application of:)
Stephen Clark Purcell)
Serial No.: 09/925,159) Examiner: Lewis Bullock, Jr.
Filing Date: August 8, 2001) Group Art Unit: 2195
For: Efficient Serialization of) Confirmation No.: 3076
Bursty Out-Of-Order Results)

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed May 23, 2007, the Applicants express appreciation for the allowance of the present application. Applicants understand that the Examiner has thoroughly examined the claims and prior art of record and has concluded that the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, fails to disclose or suggest the combinations of steps and/or structure recited by each of the allowed claims. Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance contained in the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007. Initially, Applicants submit that the Statement is not necessary because the record as a whole makes clear the reasons for allowance. Furthermore, Applicants object to the Examiner's paraphrasing of the claim language, in particular the paraphrasing of which element or subset of elements may or may not reside in the prior art. Furthermore, the Statement appears to determine patentability on the basis of merely identifying one or more elements not taught by prior art. Applicants submit that patentability resides in the entirety of the combination of claimed elements. Finally, there are

numerous other distinctions between the cited art and the claimed invention as made clear by the record and the references themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

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